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Nationally-recognized Experts to Lead Workshop on Cemetery Monument Conservation in the Midwest Region

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) will conduct a Midwest regional workshop on the conservation of gravestones and other monuments commonly found in cemeteries. The three-day workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 24-26, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The *Cemetery Monument Conservation Workshop* will introduce participants to activities including conditions assessment, reattachment, cleaning, protection, compensation for losses, resetting, metals conservation and safe handling techniques. At three days, this will be NCPTT's longest and most comprehensive workshop since it developed the groundbreaking training series in 2002.

The workshop's hands-on conservation activities will occur in Omaha's Prospect Hill Cemetery, which is distinguished by the numerous graves of pioneers located there.

The nationally-recognized experts conducting these events include Elizabeth Dickey and Brian Keith McCutchen of the National Park Service; Fran Gale of PROSOCO, Inc.; ElizaBeth Bede Guin of Northwestern State University of Louisiana; Deborah Long and Julie Reilly of the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center; Karl Munson, Norman Weiss and Irving Slavid of Monument Conservation Collaborative; Shelley Sass of Sass Conservation, Inc.; and Mary Striegel from NCPTT.

Space is limited to 32 participants. Since all past CMC workshops have had waiting lists, early registration is encouraged. Register for the workshop through the Center's website at www.ncptt.nps.gov/cemetery. Tuition for three days of instruction and lunches is \$695. For more information, call (318) 356-7444.

About NCPTT: The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training is using technology to serve the future of America's heritage through applied research and professional training. Since its founding in 1994, NCPTT has awarded over \$5 million in grants for research that advances the use of science and technology in historic preservation. Working in the fields of archeology, architecture, landscape architecture and materials conservation, the Center accomplishes its mission through training, education, research, technology transfer and partnerships. The Center is located in Lee H. Nelson Hall on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. For more information about NCPTT, visit the Center's website: www.ncptt.nps.gov.